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Dedication

This book is dedicated to the beloved Imām of our time (ʿaj).
May Allah (swt) hasten his reappearance and help us to become his true companions.

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Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ): On the Day of Resurrection, the ink of the scholars will be weighed up against the blood of the martyrs, and the ink of the scholars will be heavier than the blood of the martyrs.
Nahj al-Faṣāḥah, Saying #3222.

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For our daughter Shireen Ahsan, who loved the Ahl al-Bayt, and was loved by all around her,
please recite a Sūrah al-Fātiḥah.

Preface

Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ):
Nurture and raise your children in the best way. Raise them with the love of the Prophets and the Ahl al-Bayt (ʿa).

Literature is an influential form of media that often shapes the thoughts and views of an entire generation. Therefore, in order to establish an Islamic foundation for the future generations, there is a dire need for compelling Islamic literature. Over the past several years, this need has become increasingly prevalent throughout Islamic centers and schools everywhere. Due to the growing dissonance between parents, children, society, and the teachings of Islam and the Ahl al-Bayt (ʿa), this need has become even more pressing. Al-Kisa Foundation, along with its subsidiary, Kisa Kids Publications, was conceived in an effort to help bridge this gap with the guidance of ʿulamāʾ and the help of educators. We would like to make this a communal effort and platform. Therefore, we sincerely welcome constructive feedback and help in any capacity.

The goal of *The Guiding Light* series is to help children learn that Islam is a holistic religion that shows the best way to lead our lives in all different areas!

With Duʿās,
Nabi R. Mir (Abidi)

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Having guests and being able to host a visitor is a great honor for a Muslim. There are many akhlāqi guidelines on both how to be a guest and how to host a guest. If followed, these guidelines can create an honored and holy relationship that has great blessings for both individuals.

LESSON 1

GUESTS AND INVITATIONS

إِذَا دُعِيتُمْ فَادْخُلُوا

When you are invited, then enter.

Sūrah al-Aḥzāb, Verse 53

One day, a man invited the Prophet (ṣ) and some of his friends for lunch. He felt very honored when the Prophet (ṣ) happily accepted the invitation. He couldn't wait to host the Prophet (ṣ) in his home!

While they were on their way to the man's house, they bumped into another friend, and this friend heard about where they were all going. "I'd like to come too!" he told the Prophet (ṣ).

"Hold on for a few minutes," said the Prophet (ṣ)."Let me ask if it's okay for you to also join us."

After arriving at the man's home, they exchanged salāms, and the Prophet (ṣ) asked the man if it would be okay for someone else to join them.

"Of course he can join us!" said the man. "The more the merrier."

So, they all entered the man's home and enjoyed a wonderful afternoon full of fun and happiness!

Mustadrak al-Wasāʾil wa Mustanbiṭ al-Masāʾil, Vol. 16, P. 7

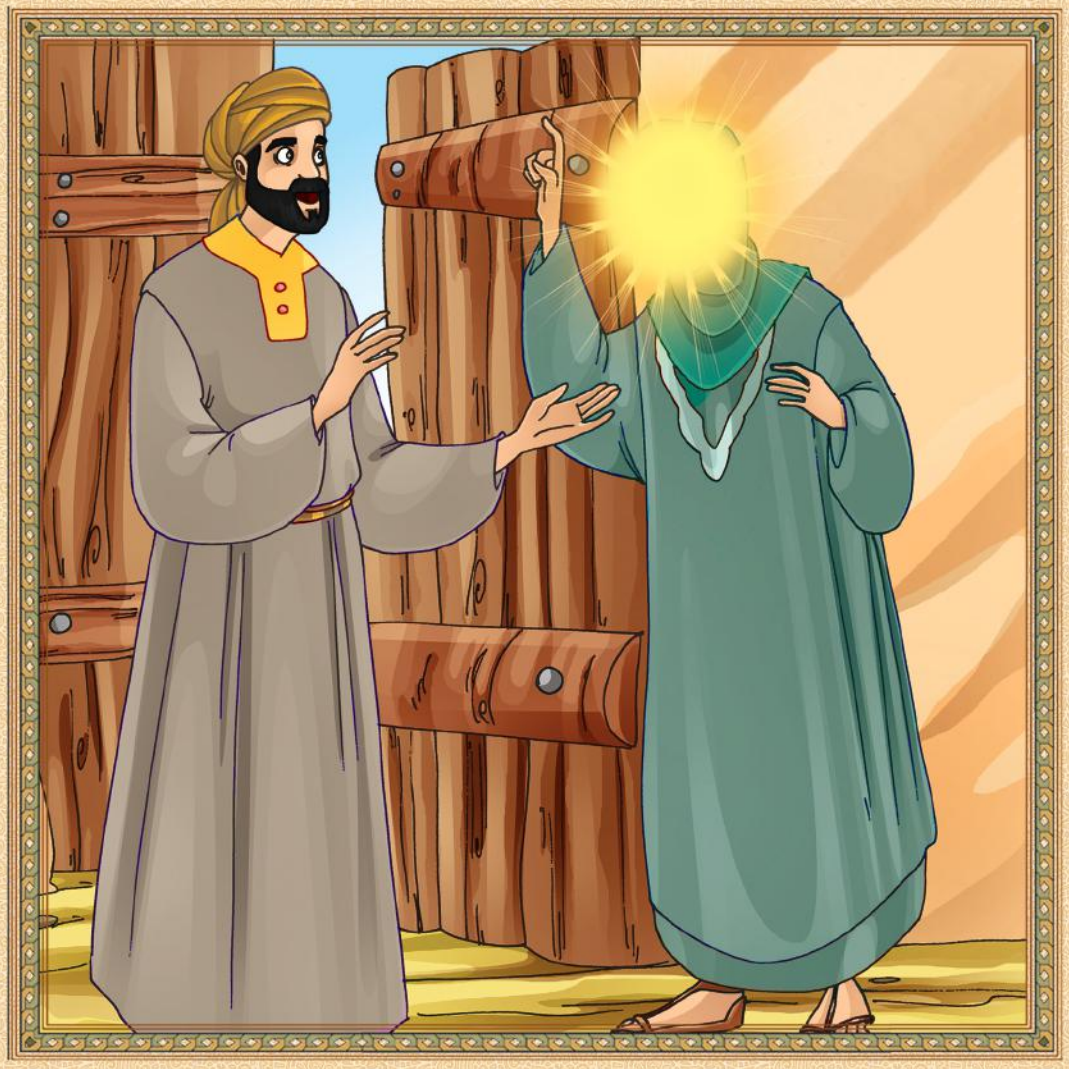
وَمَنْ أَتَاهَا وَلَمْ يُدْعَ إِلَيْهَا فَقَدْ أَتَىٰ مَا لَا يَصْلُحُ لَهُ

Imām ʿAlī (ʿa):
It is not good to go to someone's house without being invited.

Farhangnāmeh Mehmanī, Muḥammad Rey Shahrī, Ḥadīth #224

LESSON 2

SAYING SALĀM



فَقُلْ سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكُمْ

So say “Salāmun ʿalaykum” [Peace be upon you].

Sūrah al-Anʿām, Verse 54

One sunny day, an angel was passing through town when he spotted a man standing outside someone else's home. He stopped and asked the man, "What are you doing in front of this house?"

The man said, "One of my dear brothers lives here, and I'm waiting for him to come out so I can say salām!"

The angel paused and then asked, "Is he one of your real brothers?"

"No, he's not related to me. He is my brother in Islam," replied the man.

"Then, are you waiting here to ask him for a favor?" asked the angel.

"No, I don't need anything from him. It's been a few days since I've seen him in the masjid, so I wanted to say salām and ask him how he's doing," said the man. "Allah likes it when you visit your friends and say salām."

The angel replied, "I have come from Allah, and He sends His salām to you."

The man was so touched and thought to himself, *Alḥamdulillāh, all praise is for Allah!* But he was also surprised. *What did I do to deserve a salām from the Creator of the universe?!* After a moment, he asked the angel, "But why would Allah send His *salām* to me?"

The angel responded, "You came to your friend with humility and kindness. Allah has said that you deserve to go to Heaven because of this act of kindness."

Surely, Allah loves it when we say *salām* to others and show them we care about them.

Jāmiʿ al-Akhbār, P. 118

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ إِطْعَامَ الطَّعَامِ وَإِفْشَاءَ السَّلَامِ

Imām Muḥammad al-Bāqir (ʿa):
Surely, Allah loves those who help the needy and greet others with salām [speak and act peacefully].

Al-Maḥāsin, Vol. 2, P. 388, Ḥadīth #7

LESSON 3

MAKE SPACE FOR OTHERS

فَافْسَحُوا يَفْسَحِ اللّٰهُ لَكُمْ

Make room for each other [in a gathering], and Allah will make room for you [in Jannah].

Sūrah al-Mujādilah, Verse 11

One Friday afternoon, the Prophet (ṣ) was sitting in the masjid, talking to a group of people.

Since the masjid was crowded, people were sitting very close to each other. After a while, another group of people walked into the masjid to say salām to the Prophet (ṣ), but there was no space for them to sit down and join the gathering! Nobody offered to make room for them, so they remained standing.

When the Prophet (ṣ) noticed this, he became upset. He turned to the people sitting and said, "The *akhlāq* of a good Muslim is to make room for those who have just entered."

Tafsīr Majmaʿ al-Bayān, Vol. 9, P. 380

وَ تَوَسَّعَ لَهُ فِي الْمَجْلِسِ

Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ):
When you are sitting in a gathering, make space for other people.

Nahj al-Fasāḥah, Ḥadīth #1293

LESSON 4

DO NOT WHISPER IN A GATHERING

إِنَّمَا النَّجْوَىٰ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ

Surely, whispering [while you're in a gathering] is from Shayṭān

Sūrah al-Mujādilah, Verse 10

The Prophet (ṣ) always taught people to honor each other and not to think that they are better than others.

One day, he was sitting in a gathering with many people. Some people were very poor, some people were very rich, and some people were somewhere in the middle. The rich people started to whisper in the Prophet's ear to make the others think that they were closer and had a special connection to him. When they kept doing this, others became upset.

The Prophet (ṣ) waited patiently for the right moment to give them advice. When that moment came, he told everyone, "When you sit next to each other in a gathering, don't whisper in each other's ears. That is something that Shayṭān likes."

Tafsīr an-Namūnah

وَ لَا تَنَاجَ مَعَ رَجُلٍ وَ أَنْتَ مَعَ آخَرَ

Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ):
Do not whisper to someone if there are others around.

Muntakhab Mīzān al-Ḥikmah, Ḥadīth #1082

LESSON 5

Do Not Overstay Your Visit

فَإِذَا طَعِمْتُمْ فَانْتَشِرُوا وَلَا مُسْتَئْنِسِينَ لِحَدِيثٍ

Once you have finished your meal, leave soon after and do not lengthen your conversation [by overstaying your visit and causing the host discomfort].

Sūrah al-Aḥzāb, Verse 53

One day, the Prophet (ṣ) invited many of the believers to his home. The people loved looking at the Prophet (ṣ), listening to him, and being around him.

On this particular day, people were coming and going from the Prophet's home throughout the day until the evening.

Since there were so many guests, each group sat in a different room and enjoyed a delicious meal. Once the group would leave, the Prophet (ṣ) would clean the room. However, when he reached the last room, he saw that the group of visitors had already finished eating, but they still stayed and chatted for a long time.

The Prophet (ṣ) always liked to use his time wisely, but he did not have the heart to ask the visitors to leave. Out of his kindness and respect for them, he stayed quiet.

Just then, Allah sent down a verse of the Qurʾān to teach people about the manners of visiting: "When you finish your meal, leave soon after and don't settle down to chat." Later, the people understood that they should be more careful about staying over for too long without a good reason.

Al-Burhān, Vol. 4, P. 482

لاَ يَنْبَغِي لِلضَّيْفِ إِذَا نَزَلَ بِقَوْمٍ يُمِلُّهُمْ

Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ):
It is not good for the guest to become a burden on the host.

Farhangnameh Mehmāni Muḥammad Rey Shahrī, Ḥadīth #214

Quiz Time!

1. When is it okay for you to enter someone's home?
   a. After knocking
   b. After they invite you inside
   c. After someone opens the door

2. What should we say to greet someone?
   a. Allāhu Akbar
   b. Hey there!
   c. Salāmun ʿalaykum

3. If you are in a packed gathering and someone enters, what should you do?
   a. Make room for them to sit
   b. Stand up and leave
   c. Nothing

4. When you are sitting with people, you should *not* _____.
   a. drink tea
   b. whisper
   c. laugh

5. The Qurʾān teaches us that when we visit someone, we should not _____.
   a. overstay our visit
   b. eat at their house
   c. go without a gift

6. Name two things that you learned about what to do or what not to do when you are a guest at someone's house.

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Glossary

(ṣ): Peace and blessings be upon Prophet Muḥammad and his family

(swt): All Glory belongs to God, the Glorified and Exalted

(ʿa): Peace and blessings be upon him/her

(ʿaj): May God hasten his reappearance

Aḥādīth: Traditions from the Noble Prophet of Islam

Ahl al-Bayt: Divinely appointed family members of Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ)

Akhlāq/Akhlāqi: Etiquette, morals

al-Fātiḥah: The first *sūrah* that is commonly recited and sent as a gift of prayer for the deceased

Alḥamdulillāh: All praise is for God

Allah: The Arabic term for God, a culmination of all His holy names and titles

Allāhu Akbar: God is Greater than anything you can imagine

Duʿāʾ: Supplication; a deep connection and communication between an individual and God

Imām: A divinely appointed leader, sometimes refers to a spiritual leader

InshāʾAllāh: God-willing

Marḥūmīn: Someone who has passed away

Masjid: Mosque

Maʿṣūmīn: Infallibles

Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ): The last and final Messenger of God

Qurʾān: The Holy Book of Muslims

Salāms*:* Greeting of peace that Muslims exchange when they meet one another

Salāmun ʿalaykum: Peace be upon you

Shayṭān: The devil

SubḥānAllāh: All Glory and Praise belongs to God

Sūrah: A chapter of the Qurʿān

ʿUlamāʾ: Scholars

Transliteration Chart

Arabic terms in this book have been transliterated according to the following guidelines*:

ء	a, i, or u (initial form)
ء	ʾ (medial or final form)
ا	a
ب	b
ت	t
ث	th
ج	j
ح	ḥ
خ	kh
د	d
ذ	dh
ر	r
ز	z
س	s
ش	sh
ص	ṣ
ض	ḍ
ط	ṭ
ظ	ẓ
ع	ʿ
غ	gh
ف	f
ق	q
ك	k
ل	l
م	m
ن	n
ه	h
و	w
ي	y

ـَ	a
ـِ	i
ـُ	u
ـّ	double letter
آ / ـَا / ىٰ	ā
ـِي	ī
ـُو	ū

*Please note that due to limitations, the transliteration is not 100% accurate in capturing tajwīd rules.

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